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Interviews: 2,017 voters  
Dates: September 7-10, 2000

49 Male  
51 Female  
[109]

## FINAL

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**Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.**

**The margin of error for 2,017 interviews is +2.2%**

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

- A. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

|                     |     |           |       |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|-------|
| Registered.....     | 100 | CONTINUE  | [351] |
| Not registered..... | -   | TERMINATE |       |
| Not sure.....       | -   |           |       |

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

|                      | 9/00+ | 7/00+ | 6/00+ | 4/00+ | 3/00+ | 1/00 | High<br>2/91+ | Low<br>7/92+ |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Right direction..... | 51    | 48    | 44    | 44    | 49    | 55   | 65            | 14           | [138] |
| Wrong track.....     | 29    | 32    | 38    | 34    | 34    | 28   | 22            | 71           |       |
| Mixed (VOL).....     | 16    | 17    | 15    | 19    | 15    | 15   | 9             | 9            |       |
| Not sure.....        | 4     | 3     | 3     | 3     | 2     | 2    | 4             | 6            |       |
|                      |       | 12/99 | 10/99 | 9/99  | 7/99  | 6/99 |               |              |       |
|                      |       | 49    | 46    | 43    | 50    | 42   |               |              |       |
|                      |       | 34    | 37    | 41    | 32    | 41   |               |              |       |
|                      |       | 15    | 14    | 13    | 15    | 14   |               |              |       |
|                      |       | 2     | 3     | 3     | 3     | 3    |               |              |       |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

|                 | 9/00+ | 8/00+ | 7/00+ | 6/00+ | 4/00+ | 3/00+ | High<br>1/99 | Low<br>10/98 | 6/93 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|------|-------|
| Approve.....    | 60    | 58    | 60    | 58    | 59    | 60    | 68           | 68           | 41   | [139] |
| Disapprove..... | 35    | 36    | 35    | 37    | 35    | 34    | 29           | 29           | 50   |       |
| Not sure.....   | 5     | 6     | 5     | 5     | 6     | 6     | 3            | 3            | 9    |       |
|                 |       | 1/00  | 12/99 | 10/99 | 9/99  | 7/99  |              |              |      |       |

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 65 | 61 | 60 | 58 | 63 |
| 30 | 34 | 34 | 37 | 32 |
| 5  | 5  | 6  | 5  | 5  |

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2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

|                 | <u>9/00</u> *+ | <u>7/00</u> + | <u>6/00</u> + | <u>4/00</u> + | <u>3/00</u> + | <u>1/00</u> | <table><tr><th>High</th><th>Low</th></tr><tr><th><u>1/99</u></th><th><u>7/93</u></th><th><u>9/94</u></th></tr></table> | High | Low | <u>1/99</u> | <u>7/93</u> | <u>9/94</u> | <table><tr><th>High</th><th>Low</th></tr><tr><th><u>1/99</u></th><th><u>7/93</u></th><th><u>9/94</u></th></tr></table> | High | Low | <u>1/99</u> | <u>7/93</u> | <u>9/94</u> | [140] |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| High            | Low            |               |               |               |               |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| <u>1/99</u>     | <u>7/93</u>    | <u>9/94</u>   |               |               |               |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| High            | Low            |               |               |               |               |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| <u>1/99</u>     | <u>7/93</u>    | <u>9/94</u>   |               |               |               |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| Approve.....    | 69             | 72            | 68            | 69            | 73            | 74          | 78                                                                                                                     | 40   | 40  |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| Disapprove..... | 25             | 23            | 25            | 23            | 19            | 18          | 17                                                                                                                     | 51   | 51  |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
| Not sure.....   | 6              | 5             | 7             | 8             | 8             | 8           | 5                                                                                                                      | 9    | 9   |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
|                 |                | <u>12/99</u>  | <u>10/99</u>  | <u>9/99</u>   | <u>7/99</u>   | <u>6/99</u> |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
|                 |                | 71            | 70            | 66            | 73            | 71          |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
|                 |                | 23            | 22            | 27            | 20            | 21          |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |
|                 |                | 6             | 8             | 7             | 7             | 8           |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |                                                                                                                        |      |     |             |             |             |       |

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

|                 | <u>9/00**+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <table><tr><th><i>High</i></th><th><i>Low</i></th></tr><tr><th><u>10/98+</u></th><th><u>9/94</u></th></tr></table> | <i>High</i> | <i>Low</i> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/94</u> | [141] |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| <i>High</i>     | <i>Low</i>     |              |              |             |              |              |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |
| <u>10/98+</u>   | <u>9/94</u>    |              |              |             |              |              |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |
| Approve.....    | 55             | 57           | 51           | 49          | 50           | 52           | 70                                                                                                                 | 32          |            |               |             |       |
| Disapprove..... | 35             | 35           | 38           | 35          | 39           | 39           | 26                                                                                                                 | 60          |            |               |             |       |
| Not sure.....   | 10             | 8            | 11           | 16          | 11           | 9            | 4                                                                                                                  | 8           |            |               |             |       |
|                 |                | <u>9/99</u>  | <u>7/99</u>  | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u>  | <u>3/99</u>  |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |
|                 |                | 49           | 54           | 50          | 50           | 60           |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |
|                 |                | 41           | 37           | 41          | 41           | 31           |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |
|                 |                | 10           | 9            | 9           | 9            | 9            |                                                                                                                    |             |            |               |             |       |

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3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

|                 | <u>9/00**+</u> | <u>7/00</u> + | <u>6/00</u> + | <u>4/00</u> + | <u>3/00</u> + | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u>    | <table><tr><th><i>High</i></th><th><i>Low</i></th></tr><tr><th><u>9/98</u></th><th><u>10/90</u>+</th></tr></table> | <i>High</i> | <i>Low</i> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>10/90</u> + | [142] |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>High</i>     | <i>Low</i>     |               |               |               |               |             |              |              |                |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |
| <u>9/98</u>     | <u>10/90</u> + |               |               |               |               |             |              |              |                |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |
| Approve.....    | 46             | 46            | 43            | 42            | 43            | 48          | 45           | 42           | 40             | 61                                                                                                                 | 22          |            |             |                |       |
| Disapprove..... | 41             | 42            | 46            | 44            | 40            | 36          | 42           | 45           | 49             | 28                                                                                                                 | 69          |            |             |                |       |
| Not sure.....   | 13             | 12            | 11            | 14            | 17            | 16          | 13           | 13           | 11             | 11                                                                                                                 | 9           |            |             |                |       |
|                 |                |               | <u>7/99</u>   | <u>6/99</u>   | <u>4/99</u>   | <u>3/99</u> | <u>1/99</u>  | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98</u> + |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |
|                 |                |               | 43            | 40            | 49            | 41          | 50           | 44           | 48             |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |
|                 |                |               | 41            | 42            | 38            | 45          | 40           | 42           | 39             |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |
|                 |                |               | 16            | 18            | 13            | 14          | 10           | 14           | 13             |                                                                                                                    |             |            |             |                |       |

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3b. What is your preference for the outcome of this November's<sup>1</sup> congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

|                                    | <u>9/00+</u> | <u>8/00+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>4/00+</u>  | <u>3/00+</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> |       |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Republican-controlled Congress.... | 43           | 43           | 40           | 43           | 40            | 41           | 39          | 40           | 39           | 39          | [143] |
| Democrat-controlled Congress.....  | 42           | 41           | 42           | 41           | 40            | 43           | 43          | 44           | 41           | 43          |       |
| Not sure <sup>2</sup> .....        | 15           | 16           | 18           | 16           | 20            | 16           | 18          | 16           | 20           | 18          |       |
|                                    |              | <u>6/99</u>  | <u>4/99</u>  | <u>3/99</u>  | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/98</u>  | <u>7/98</u> | <u>6/98</u>  | <u>4/98</u>  | <u>2/98</u> |       |
|                                    |              | 42           | 41           | 37           | 41            | 40           | 41          | 39           | 37           | 41          |       |
|                                    |              | 41           | 40           | 43           | 43            | 39           | 40          | 40           | 41           | 37          |       |
|                                    |              | 17           | 19           | 20           | 16            | 21           | 19          | 21           | 22           | 22          |       |
|                                    |              | <u>1/98</u>  | <u>12/97</u> | <u>9/97</u>  | <u>7/97</u>   | <u>4/97</u>  | <u>1/96</u> | <u>12/95</u> | <u>10/94</u> |             |       |
|                                    |              | 40           | 41           | 41           | 45            | 44           | 41          | 42           | 44           |             |       |
|                                    |              | 42           | 37           | 39           | 39            | 38           | 38          | 41           | 38           |             |       |
|                                    |              | 18           | 22           | 20           | 16            | 18           | 21          | 17           | 18           |             |       |

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<sup>1</sup> In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

<sup>2</sup> The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were recorded separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

3c. Overall, how would you describe the Republican Congress' effect on the country so far--very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

|                         | <u>9/00*+</u> | <u>9/96+</u> | <u>5/96+</u> | <u>4/3-4/95</u> |       |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| Very positive.....      | 12            | 10           | 8            | 9               | [144] |
| Somewhat positive ..... | 46            | 39           | 42           | 48              |       |
| Somewhat negative.....  | 21            | 26           | 29           | 28              |       |
| Very negative.....      | 10            | 18           | 15           | 8               |       |
| Neutral/both (VOL)..... | 7             | 5            | 3            | 5               |       |
| Not sure.....           | 4             | 2            | 3            | 2               |       |

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3d. And in this November's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

|                               | <u>9/00**+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>12/99</u>  | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>12/97+</u> | <u>10/94+</u> | <u>9/94</u>  | <u>5/94</u>  | <u>1/94</u>  |       |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Deserves to be reelected..... | 49             | 49           | 42            | 48            | 41            | 39            | 30           | 34           | 35           | [145] |
| Give new person a chance..... | 38             | 39           | 47            | 37            | 45            | 49            | 53           | 50           | 47           |       |
| Not sure.....                 | 13             | 12           | 11            | 15            | 14            | 12            | 17           | 16           | 18           |       |
|                               |                | <u>10/93</u> | <u>9/93</u>   | <u>7/93</u>   | <u>10/92+</u> | <u>9/92+</u>  | <u>7/92+</u> | <u>4/92+</u> | <u>2/92+</u> |       |
|                               |                | 34           | 37            | 30            | 31            | 31            | 27           | 33           | 37           |       |
|                               |                | 52           | 47            | 55            | 56            | 56            | 62           | 57           | 52           |       |
|                               |                | 14           | 16            | 15            | 13            | 13            | 11           | 10           | 11           |       |
|                               |                | <u>1/92+</u> | <u>12/91+</u> | <u>10/91+</u> | <u>10/90+</u> | <u>11/89+</u> |              |              |              |       |
|                               |                | 42           | 35            | 40            | 39            | 41            |              |              |              |       |
|                               |                | 48           | 52            | 48            | 48            | 36            |              |              |              |       |
|                               |                | 10           | 13            | 12            | 13            | 23            |              |              |              |       |

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4. In general, do you think it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far?

|                                                                      | 9/00**+ | 12/99 | 9/98  | 9/97  | 6/96+  | 12/95  | 1/95   | 10/94 | 6/94  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Better if same party controls Congress and the presidency.....       | 41      | 33    | 34    | 25    | 43     | 42     | 33     | 36    | 30    | [146] |
| Better if different parties control Congress and the presidency..... | 47      | 60    | 55    | 67    | 44     | 48     | 55     | 55    | 59    |       |
| Not sure.....                                                        | 12      | 7     | 11    | 8     | 13     | 10     | 12     | 9     | 11    |       |
|                                                                      |         | 1/94  | 10/93 | 12/92 | 4/92+  | 1/92+  | 10/92+ | 9/92+ | 8/92+ |       |
|                                                                      |         | 33    | 30    | 37    | 32     | 28     | 39     | 40    | 43    |       |
|                                                                      |         | 56    | 58    | 51    | 61     | 62     | 47     | 46    | 44    |       |
|                                                                      |         | 11    | 12    | 12    | 7      | 10     | 14     | 14    | 13    |       |
|                                                                      |         | 7/92+ | 4/92+ | 1/92+ | 10/91+ | 10/90+ | 1/90+  | 9/86+ |       |       |
|                                                                      |         | 40    | 32    | 28    | 24     | 23     | 24     | 28    |       |       |
|                                                                      |         | 47    | 61    | 62    | 67     | 67     | 63     | 64    |       |       |
|                                                                      |         | 13    | 7     | 10    | 9      | 10     | 13     | 8     |       |       |

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5. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

|                      | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |       |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|
| <b>Bill Clinton</b>  |               |                   |         |                   |               |                           | [147] |
| September 2000+..... | 25            | 25                | 10      | 13                | 27            | -                         |       |
| August 2000+.....    | 24            | 22                | 11      | 13                | 30            | -                         |       |
| July 2000+.....      | 22            | 27                | 11      | 12                | 28            | -                         |       |
| June 2000+.....      | 20            | 27                | 12      | 14                | 27            | -                         |       |
| April 2000+.....     | 22            | 27                | 13      | 11                | 27            | -                         |       |
| March 2000+.....     | 24            | 26                | 14      | 12                | 24            | -                         |       |
| January 2000.....    | 23            | 29                | 14      | 12                | 21            | 1                         |       |
| December 1999.....   | 20            | 29                | 15      | 14                | 22            | -                         |       |
| October 1999.....    | 20            | 30                | 14      | 13                | 23            | -                         |       |
| September 1999.....  | 20            | 26                | 14      | 13                | 27            | -                         |       |
| July 1999.....       | 23            | 27                | 14      | 14                | 22            | -                         |       |
| <i>High</i>          |               |                   |         |                   |               |                           |       |
| January 1993.....    | 33            | 31                | 15      | 9                 | 7             | 5                         |       |
| <i>Low</i>           |               |                   |         |                   |               |                           |       |
| June 1999.....       | 19            | 25                | 12      | 15                | 28            | 1                         |       |
| September 1998.....  | 18            | 22                | 17      | 14                | 29            | -                         |       |

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|                       | <u>Very<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Very<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know<br/>Name/<br/>Not Sure</u> |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>George W. Bush</b> |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[148/155]</b> |
| September 2000+.....  | 23                       | 26                           | 15             | 15                           | 19                       | 2                                        |                  |
| August 2000+.....     | 28                       | 23                           | 17             | 14                           | 17                       | 1                                        |                  |
| July 2000+.....       | 24                       | 28                           | 14             | 14                           | 18                       | 2                                        |                  |
| June 2000+.....       | 16                       | 29                           | 23             | 15                           | 15                       | 2                                        |                  |
| April 2000+.....      | 17                       | 29                           | 22             | 13                           | 16                       | 3                                        |                  |
| March 2000+.....      | 19                       | 26                           | 21             | 15                           | 17                       | 2                                        |                  |
| January 2000.....     | 22                       | 30                           | 22             | 13                           | 9                        | 4                                        |                  |
| December 1999.....    | 19                       | 31                           | 21             | 16                           | 10                       | 3                                        |                  |
| October 1999.....     | 21                       | 32                           | 21             | 12                           | 11                       | 3                                        |                  |
| September 1999.....   | 18                       | 32                           | 22             | 12                           | 10                       | 6                                        |                  |
| July 1999.....        | 22                       | 31                           | 26             | 9                            | 6                        | 6                                        |                  |
| <hr/>                 |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| <i>High</i>           |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| April 1999.....       | 23                       | 32                           | 25             | 8                            | 6                        | 6                                        |                  |
| <i>Low</i>            |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| March 2000+.....      | 19                       | 26                           | 21             | 15                           | 17                       | 2                                        |                  |
| <b>Al Gore</b>        |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[149/156]</b> |
| September 2000+.....  | 26                       | 26                           | 14             | 15                           | 18                       | 1                                        |                  |
| August 2000+.....     | 22                       | 22                           | 19             | 15                           | 21                       | 1                                        |                  |
| July 2000+.....       | 17                       | 26                           | 18             | 15                           | 23                       | 1                                        |                  |
| June 2000+.....       | 12                       | 25                           | 24             | 17                           | 21                       | 1                                        |                  |
| April 2000+.....      | 15                       | 26                           | 20             | 16                           | 21                       | 2                                        |                  |
| March 2000+.....      | 17                       | 27                           | 20             | 16                           | 18                       | 2                                        |                  |
| January 2000.....     | 16                       | 29                           | 21             | 16                           | 16                       | 2                                        |                  |
| December 1999.....    | 12                       | 26                           | 25             | 19                           | 16                       | 2                                        |                  |
| October 1999.....     | 12                       | 27                           | 25             | 18                           | 16                       | 2                                        |                  |
| September 1999.....   | 10                       | 22                           | 28             | 19                           | 17                       | 4                                        |                  |
| July 1999.....        | 13                       | 27                           | 26             | 16                           | 15                       | 3                                        |                  |
| <hr/>                 |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| <i>High</i>           |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| January 1993.....     | 23                       | 32                           | 22             | 9                            | 6                        | 8                                        |                  |
| <i>Low</i>            |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |                  |
| June 2000+.....       | 12                       | 25                           | 24             | 17                           | 21                       | 1                                        |                  |
| <b>Joe Lieberman</b>  |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[150/157]</b> |
| September 2000+.....  | 17                       | 26                           | 26             | 8                            | 6                        | 17                                       |                  |
| August 2000+.....     | 19                       | 21                           | 27             | 7                            | 4                        | 22                                       |                  |

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Q.5 (cont'd)

|                               | <u>Very<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Very<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know<br/>Name/<br/>Not Sure</u> |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Hillary Rodham Clinton</b> |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[151]</b> |
| September 2000 *+.....        | 19                       | 23                           | 16             | 13                           | 28                       | 1                                        |              |
| June 2000+.....               | 19                       | 22                           | 16             | 13                           | 29                       | 1                                        |              |
| April 2000+.....              | 18                       | 22                           | 18             | 12                           | 27                       | 3                                        |              |
| March 2000+.....              | 18                       | 24                           | 19             | 15                           | 23                       | 1                                        |              |
| January 2000.....             | 21                       | 23                           | 18             | 13                           | 24                       | 1                                        |              |
| December 1999.....            | 19                       | 22                           | 17             | 13                           | 28                       | 1                                        |              |
| October 1999.....             | 21                       | 24                           | 13             | 16                           | 25                       | 1                                        |              |
| September 1999.....           | 20                       | 22                           | 16             | 14                           | 26                       | 2                                        |              |
| July 1999.....                | 25                       | 23                           | 18             | 12                           | 20                       | 2                                        |              |
| June 1999.....                | 25                       | 22                           | 17             | 13                           | 22                       | 1                                        |              |
| April 1999.....               | 30                       | 19                           | 17             | 12                           | 20                       | 2                                        |              |
| <hr/>                         |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| <i>High</i>                   |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| January 1999.....             | 35                       | 23                           | 16             | 11                           | 14                       | 1                                        |              |
| <i>Low</i>                    |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| May 1996 +.....               | 14                       | 20                           | 19             | 17                           | 27                       | 3                                        |              |
| <hr/>                         |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| <b>The Republican Party</b>   |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[152]</b> |
| September 2000 *+.....        | 14                       | 33                           | 19             | 20                           | 13                       | 1                                        |              |
| August 2000+.....             | 19                       | 27                           | 23             | 14                           | 15                       | 2                                        |              |
| July 2000+.....               | 15                       | 28                           | 24             | 16                           | 15                       | 2                                        |              |
| June 2000+.....               | 9                        | 30                           | 28             | 16                           | 15                       | 2                                        |              |
| April 2000+.....              | 11                       | 31                           | 25             | 16                           | 15                       | 2                                        |              |
| March 2000.....               | 13                       | 26                           | 27             | 17                           | 14                       | 3                                        |              |
| January 2000.....             | 13                       | 29                           | 27             | 16                           | 14                       | 1                                        |              |
| December 1999.....            | 12                       | 29                           | 23             | 18                           | 15                       | 3                                        |              |
| June 1999.....                | 11                       | 26                           | 27             | 18                           | 15                       | 3                                        |              |
| March 1999.....               | 11                       | 22                           | 23             | 19                           | 23                       | 2                                        |              |
| January 1999.....             | 13                       | 23                           | 20             | 18                           | 24                       | 2                                        |              |
| <hr/>                         |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| <i>High</i>                   |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| January 1995.....             | 17                       | 33                           | 25             | 13                           | 9                        | 3                                        |              |
| <i>Low</i>                    |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| March 1999.....               | 11                       | 22                           | 23             | 19                           | 23                       | 2                                        |              |
| January 1999.....             | 13                       | 23                           | 20             | 18                           | 24                       | 2                                        |              |

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+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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|                          | <u>Very<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Very<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know<br/>Name/<br/>Not Sure</u> |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Pat Buchanan</b>      |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | [153] |
| September 2000 *+.....   | 3                        | 12                           | 24             | 19                           | 32                       | 10                                       |       |
| July 2000+.....          | 3                        | 12                           | 25             | 22                           | 29                       | 9                                        |       |
| June 2000+.....          | 2                        | 10                           | 27             | 18                           | 32                       | 11                                       |       |
| April 2000+.....         | 2                        | 14                           | 24             | 21                           | 29                       | 10                                       |       |
| March 2000+.....         | 3                        | 11                           | 26             | 21                           | 30                       | 9                                        |       |
| January 2000.....        | 4                        | 12                           | 25             | 19                           | 24                       | 16                                       |       |
| December 1999.....       | 4                        | 13                           | 25             | 21                           | 26                       | 11                                       |       |
| October 1999.....        | 4                        | 14                           | 24             | 20                           | 28                       | 10                                       |       |
| August 1996.....         | 4                        | 11                           | 26             | 20                           | 31                       | 8                                        |       |
| March 1996.....          | 6                        | 16                           | 20             | 18                           | 32                       | 8                                        |       |
| January 1996.....        | 3                        | 13                           | 30             | 12                           | 20                       | 22                                       |       |
| December 1995.....       | 5                        | 16                           | 24             | 16                           | 22                       | 17                                       |       |
| February/March 1992..... | 5                        | 21                           | 23             | 18                           | 16                       | 17                                       |       |
| <b>Dick Cheney</b>       |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | [154] |
| September 2000 *+.....   | 17                       | 26                           | 22             | 12                           | 8                        | 15                                       |       |
| July 2000+.....          | 19                       | 23                           | 26             | 9                            | 6                        | 17                                       |       |
| <b>John McCain</b>       |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | [158] |
| September 2000 **+.....  | 21                       | 32                           | 25             | 8                            | 6                        | 8                                        |       |
| July 2000+.....          | 18                       | 32                           | 25             | 9                            | 6                        | 10                                       |       |
| June 2000+.....          | 15                       | 32                           | 25             | 11                           | 7                        | 10                                       |       |
| April 2000+.....         | 16                       | 30                           | 27             | 12                           | 5                        | 10                                       |       |
| March 2000+.....         | 14                       | 31                           | 25             | 14                           | 7                        | 9                                        |       |
| January 2000.....        | 14                       | 20                           | 27             | 8                            | 3                        | 28                                       |       |
| December 1999.....       | 12                       | 22                           | 24             | 4                            | 2                        | 36                                       |       |
| October 1999.....        | 9                        | 20                           | 22             | 5                            | 2                        | 42                                       |       |
| April 1999.....          | 8                        | 14                           | 18             | 3                            | 3                        | 54                                       |       |
| <b>Tipper Gore</b>       |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | [159] |
| September 2000 **+.....  | 26                       | 23                           | 27             | 10                           | 7                        | 7                                        |       |
| August 2000+.....        | 19                       | 23                           | 32             | 9                            | 9                        | 8                                        |       |
| July 2000+.....          | 17                       | 24                           | 32             | 9                            | 10                       | 8                                        |       |
| April 2000+.....         | 14                       | 21                           | 32             | 12                           | 10                       | 11                                       |       |

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\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



Q.5 (cont'd)

|                             | <u>Very<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Very<br/>Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know<br/>Name/<br/>Not Sure</u> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>The Democratic Party</b> |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[160]</b> |
| September 2000 **+.....     | 23                       | 26                           | 19             | 17                           | 14                       | 1                                        |              |
| August 2000+.....           | 21                       | 26                           | 23             | 16                           | 13                       | 1                                        |              |
| July 2000+.....             | 19                       | 27                           | 24             | 15                           | 14                       | 1                                        |              |
| June 2000+.....             | 15                       | 32                           | 23             | 15                           | 13                       | 2                                        |              |
| April 2000+.....            | 14                       | 34                           | 21             | 15                           | 15                       | 1                                        |              |
| March 2000+.....            | 18                       | 28                           | 27             | 13                           | 12                       | 2                                        |              |
| January 2000.....           | 20                       | 30                           | 23             | 15                           | 10                       | 2                                        |              |
| December 1999.....          | 17                       | 29                           | 24             | 16                           | 12                       | 2                                        |              |
| June 1999.....              | 16                       | 29                           | 25             | 13                           | 15                       | 2                                        |              |
| March 1999.....             | 21                       | 25                           | 24             | 14                           | 15                       | 1                                        |              |
| January 1999.....           | 18                       | 27                           | 27             | 16                           | 10                       | 2                                        |              |
| <i>High</i>                 |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| January 2000.....           | 20                       | 30                           | 23             | 15                           | 10                       | 2                                        |              |
| <i>Low</i>                  |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          |              |
| December 1994.....          | 10                       | 23                           | 25             | 24                           | 16                       | 2                                        |              |
| <b>Ralph Nader</b>          |                          |                              |                |                              |                          |                                          | <b>[161]</b> |
| September 2000 **+.....     | 12                       | 20                           | 27             | 14                           | 13                       | 14                                       |              |
| June 2000+.....             | 10                       | 23                           | 30             | 9                            | 6                        | 22                                       |              |
| April 2000+.....            | 9                        | 19                           | 31             | 12                           | 8                        | 21                                       |              |
| May 1996.....               | 14                       | 23                           | 28             | 9                            | 6                        | 20                                       |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the upcoming presidential election.**

6a. If the election for president were held today, and Al Gore and Joe Lieberman were running as the Democratic candidates, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney were the Republican candidates, Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, and Ralph Nader were the Green Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                                     | <u>9/00+</u> |                     | <u>8/00+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>4/00+</u> |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Al Gore and Joe Lieberman.....      | 45           | <b>CONTINUE</b>     | 41           | 38           | 38           | 37           | <b>[162]</b> |
| George W. Bush and Dick Cheney..... | 42           |                     | 44           | 44           | 43           | 41           |              |
| Pat Buchanan.....                   | 1            |                     | 2            | 2            | 4            | 4            |              |
| Ralph Nader.....                    | 4            |                     | 5            | 8            | 7            | 5            |              |
| None/other (VOL).....               | 1            | <b>Skip to Q.7a</b> | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            |              |
| Not sure.....                       | 7            |                     | 7            | 6            | 5            | 9            |              |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to August 2000, the question did not refer to the vice presidential candidates.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A TICKET/CANDIDATE IN Q.6a.)**

6b. Would you definitely vote for **(TICKET IN Q.6a)**, probably vote for **(TICKET IN Q.6a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(TICKET IN Q.6a)**?

| <i>Gore/Lieberman Voters</i>                       |              |              |                          |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                    | <i>9/00+</i> | <i>8/00+</i> | <i>7/00<sup>1</sup>+</i> | <i>6/00+</i> | <i>4/00+</i> |
| Definitely vote for ticket.....                    | 74           | 68           | 67                       | 68           | 63           |
| Probably vote for ticket/still thinking about it.. | 15           | 18           | 18                       | 16           | 18           |
| Just leaning toward voting for ticket.....         | 11           | 14           | 15                       | 16           | 19           |
| Not sure.....                                      | -            | -            | -                        | -            | -            |

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| <i>Bush/Cheney Voters</i> |              |              |                          |              |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | <i>9/00+</i> | <i>8/00+</i> | <i>7/00<sup>1</sup>+</i> | <i>6/00+</i> | <i>4/00+</i> |
|                           | 77           | 74           | 69                       | 69           | 63           |
|                           | 14           | 13           | 18                       | 16           | 19           |
|                           | 9            | 13           | 13                       | 15           | 17           |
|                           | -            | -            | -                        | -            | 1            |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to August 2000, the question did not refer to the vice presidential candidates.

7a. How important are the vice-presidential candidates in determining whom you will support for president--extremely important, quite important, just somewhat important, or not at all important? \*\*

|                              |    |              |
|------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Extremely important.....     | 26 | <b>[164]</b> |
| Quite important.....         | 23 |              |
| Just somewhat important..... | 41 |              |
| Not at all important.....    | 10 |              |
| Not sure.....                | -  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7b. Who do you think is more qualified to be president--Dick Cheney or Joe Lieberman? \*\*

|                         |    |              |
|-------------------------|----|--------------|
| Dick Cheney.....        | 41 | <b>[165]</b> |
| Joe Lieberman.....      | 32 |              |
| Both equally (VOL)..... | 7  |              |
| Neither (VOL).....      | 3  |              |
| Not sure.....           | 17 |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8a. I'm going to mention some things that people have said concern them about Dick Cheney. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all. \*

|                                                                          | <i>Major Problem</i> | <i>Minor Problem</i> | <i>Not A Problem At All</i> | <i>Not Sure</i> |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| His religion and religious beliefs.....                                  | 4                    | 12                   | 67                          | 17              | <b>[166]</b> |
| His financial-compensation agreement from his former job.....            | 15                   | 21                   | 42                          | 22              | <b>[167]</b> |
| His past views on issues such as gun control and affirmative action..... | 23                   | 21                   | 36                          | 20              | <b>[168]</b> |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8b. I'm going to mention some things that people have said concern them about Joe Lieberman. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all.

|                                                                       | Major<br>Problem | Minor<br>Problem | Not A<br>Problem<br>At All | Not<br>Sure |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| His religion and religious beliefs.....                               | 4                | 13               | 78                         | 5           | [169] |
| His limited experience on national<br>defense and foreign policy..... | 22               | 37               | 32                         | 9           | [170] |
| His past views on school vouchers and<br>affirmative action.....      | 14               | 29               | 36                         | 21          | [171] |

- 9a. Regardless of how you will vote, who do you think will win the presidential election in November--Al Gore or George W. Bush? \*\*

|                          |    |       |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| Al Gore.....             | 44 | [172] |
| George W. Bush.....      | 42 |       |
| Neither/other (VOL)..... | 1  |       |
| Not sure.....            | 13 |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9b. How much interest do you personally have in this November's presidential election--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or none at all?

|                           | 9/00*+ | 12/99 | 12/95 <sup>1</sup> |       |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| A great deal.....         | 49     | 37    | 38                 | [173] |
| Quite a bit.....          | 27     | 31    | 27                 |       |
| Just some.....            | 22     | 24    | 23                 |       |
| Very little interest..... | NA     | 7     | 8                  |       |
| None at all .....         | 2      | 1     | 3                  |       |
| Not sure.....             | -      | -     | 1                  |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup>In December 1995, the question referred to the 1996 presidential election.

- 9c. Using a ten-point scale, please tell me how likely you are to vote in this November's elections for president and Congress. If you are certain that you will vote, pick a number closer to "8," "9," or "10." If it is less likely that you will vote, use a number closer to "1," "2," or "3." You may choose any number from one to ten.

|                             |    |           |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|
| 10, certain to vote.....    | 80 | [174-175] |
| 9.....                      | 8  |           |
| 8.....                      | 6  |           |
| 7.....                      | 2  |           |
| 6.....                      | 1  |           |
| 5.....                      | 1  |           |
| 4.....                      | -  |           |
| 3.....                      | 1  |           |
| 2.....                      | -  |           |
| 1, less likely to vote..... | 1  |           |
| Cannot rate.....            | -  |           |

10. Which one of the following statements do you agree with more--**(A)** after eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration, it's time for a change, or **(B)** with the nation at peace and the economy strong, we should continue with the Democrats in the White House?

|                                          | <u>9/00+</u> | <u>8/00+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>3/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Statement A:</b> time for change..... | 47           | 47           | 47           | 47           | 46          | 49           | <b>[176]</b> |
| <b>Statement B:</b> should continue      |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| with Democrats.....                      | 47           | 46           | 45           | 46           | 44          | 45           |              |
| Some of both (VOL).....                  | 3            | 3            | 4            | 2            | 5           | 3            |              |
| Not sure.....                            | 3            | 4            | 4            | 5            | 5           | 3            |              |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

11. There has been more discussion of religion and God in this year's presidential campaign than in any other recent campaigns. Do you think this is good or bad for the country? \*

|                           |    |              |
|---------------------------|----|--------------|
| Good for the country..... | 63 | <b>[177]</b> |
| Bad for the country.....  | 21 |              |
| Depends (VOL).....        | 9  |              |
| Not sure.....             | 7  |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12a1. I am going to read you a list of issues and I'd like you to tell me which ONE will be the single-most important to you in deciding whom to vote for in the election for president.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF SINGLE-MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE*

|                                 | <u>Single-<br/>Most<br/>Important</u> | <u>1<sup>st</sup>/2nd Most<br/>Important</u> | <u>1st/2nd/3rd<br/>Most<br/>Important</u> |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| The economy.....                | 18                                    | 30                                           | 43                                        | <b>[208-213]</b> |
| Moral standards and ethics..... | 18                                    | 26                                           | 34                                        |                  |
| Education.....                  | 16                                    | 37                                           | 53                                        |                  |
| Health care.....                | 16                                    | 33                                           | 49                                        |                  |
| Social Security.....            | 11                                    | 24                                           | 38                                        |                  |
| Taxes.....                      | 8                                     | 18                                           | 31                                        |                  |
| National defense.....           | 8                                     | 18                                           | 29                                        |                  |
| The environment.....            | 3                                     | 9                                            | 17                                        |                  |
| Other (VOL).....                | 1                                     | NA                                           | NA                                        |                  |
| None (VOL).....                 | -                                     | NA                                           | NA                                        |                  |
| Not sure.....                   | 1                                     | NA                                           | NA                                        |                  |

- 12a2. Now from the remaining issues, which one is the second-most important to you in deciding how you will vote?

- 12a3. And, of the remaining issues, which one is the third-most important to you in deciding how you will vote in this year's presidential election?

- 12b. I'd like you to compare Al Gore and George W. Bush on a few issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore or George W. Bush would be better on that issue. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular issue, just say so. \*

|         |           |      |         |
|---------|-----------|------|---------|
|         | George W. |      |         |
| Al Gore | Bush      | Both | Neither |

|                                   | Would Be<br>Better | Would Be<br>Better | Would Be<br>Equally<br>Good | Would Be<br>Good | Depends<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>The economy</b>                |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [214] |
| September 2000+.....              | 42                 | 36                 | 12                          | 3                | 1                | 6           |       |
| August 2000+.....                 | 38                 | 39                 | 11                          | 5                | -                | 7           |       |
| July 2000+.....                   | 37                 | 38                 | 12                          | 5                | 1                | 7           |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 37                 | 36                 | 16                          | 6                | -                | 5           |       |
| <b>Social Security</b>            |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [215] |
| September 2000+.....              | 41                 | 35                 | 11                          | 4                | 1                | 8           |       |
| August 2000+.....                 | 38                 | 37                 | 9                           | 5                | -                | 11          |       |
| July 2000+.....                   | 37                 | 35                 | 11                          | 7                | 1                | 9           |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 42                 | 35                 | 8                           | 7                | -                | 8           |       |
| <b>Taxes</b>                      |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [216] |
| September 2000+.....              | 35                 | 43                 | 8                           | 5                | 1                | 8           |       |
| August 2000+.....                 | 31                 | 43                 | 9                           | 6                | 1                | 10          |       |
| July 2000+.....                   | 29                 | 43                 | 8                           | 10               | 1                | 9           |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 30                 | 43                 | 8                           | 10               | 1                | 8           |       |
| <b>National defense</b>           |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [217] |
| September 2000+.....              | 27                 | 50                 | 12                          | 3                | 1                | 7           |       |
| <b>Education</b>                  |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [218] |
| September 2000+.....              | 40                 | 35                 | 14                          | 4                | -                | 7           |       |
| August 2000+.....                 | 34                 | 38                 | 15                          | 3                | 1                | 9           |       |
| July 2000+.....                   | 38                 | 37                 | 14                          | 4                | -                | 7           |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 40                 | 33                 | 13                          | 6                | -                | 8           |       |
| <b>Health care</b>                |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [219] |
| September 2000+.....              | 48                 | 30                 | 10                          | 4                | -                | 8           |       |
| August 2000+.....                 | 44                 | 31                 | 9                           | 5                | -                | 11          |       |
| July 2000+.....                   | 46                 | 29                 | 8                           | 6                | 1                | 10          |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 42                 | 29                 | 11                          | 9                | -                | 9           |       |
| <b>Gun control</b>                |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [220] |
| September 2000+.....              | 39                 | 37                 | 7                           | 6                | -                | 11          |       |
| June 2000+.....                   | 38                 | 32                 | 6                           | 10               | 1                | 13          |       |
| <b>The environment</b>            |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [221] |
| September 2000+.....              | 54                 | 21                 | 11                          | 4                | -                | 10          |       |
| <b>Moral standards and ethics</b> |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [222] |
| September 2000+.....              | 34                 | 37                 | 18                          | 5                | -                | 6           |       |
| June 2000+ <sup>1</sup> .....     | 27                 | 39                 | 16                          | 9                | 1                | 8           |       |
| <b>Affirmative action</b>         |                    |                    |                             |                  |                  |             | [223] |
| September 2000+.....              | 42                 | 28                 | 11                          | 5                | -                | 14          |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A)

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup> In June 2000 this item was phrased, "moral issues."

Q.12b (cont'd)

|                           | Al Gore<br>Would Be<br>Better | George W.<br>Bush<br>Would Be<br>Better | Both<br>Would Be<br>Equally<br>Good | Neither<br>Would Be<br>Good | Depends<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Abortion</b>           |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | <b>[224]</b> |
| September 2000+.....      | 36                            | 31                                      | 8                                   | 8                           | 1                | 16          |              |
| June 2000+.....           | 36                            | 27                                      | 7                                   | 11                          | 1                | 18          |              |
| <b>Prescription drugs</b> |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | <b>[225]</b> |
| September 2000+.....      | 41                            | 26                                      | 11                                  | 6                           | -                | 16          |              |
| July 2000+.....           | 44                            | 22                                      | 10                                  | 8                           | 1                | 15          |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A)

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 13a. Now I'm going to mention some personal qualities that people might look for in a president. Using a zero-to-ten scale, on which zero means not at all important and ten means extremely important, please tell me how important each quality is to you personally when you vote for president. If a particular quality is very important, then give it a higher number on the scale. If the quality is not too important, then give it a lower number. When rating each quality, you may use any number from zero to ten, depending on how strongly you feel. Use a "9" or a "10" only for those qualities you think are the most important.

|                                                                 | Extremely<br>Important<br>10 | 8-9 | Not At All<br>Important<br>1-7 | Cannot<br>Rate |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Being knowledgeable and experienced.....                        | 43                           | 39  | 18                             | -              | <b>[226-227]</b> |
| Being compassionate enough to<br>understand average people..... | 46                           | 32  | 22                             | -              | <b>[228-229]</b> |
| Having high personal standards.....                             | 52                           | 31  | 17                             | -              | <b>[230-231]</b> |
| Being knowledgeable enough to deal with<br>foreign policy.....  | 47                           | 38  | 15                             | -              | <b>[232-233]</b> |
| Being trustworthy enough to do the right<br>thing.....          | 70                           | 24  | 6                              | -              | <b>[234-235]</b> |
| Having strong leadership qualities.....                         | 61                           | 32  | 7                              | -              | <b>[236-237]</b> |
| Being easygoing and likeable.....                               | 13                           | 20  | 67                             | -              | <b>[238-239]</b> |

- 13b1. Among these three personal qualities which ONE is the single-most important to you in deciding how you will vote in this year's presidential election?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF SINGLE-MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY

|                                                              | Single-<br>Most<br>Important | 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Most<br>Important | 1st/2nd/3rd<br>Most<br>Important |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Being trustworthy enough to do the right thing.....          | 42                           | 71                                                    | 86                               | [248-250] |
| Having strong leadership qualities.....                      | 35                           | 65                                                    | 84                               |           |
| Being knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy.....  | 7                            | 24                                                    | 53                               |           |
| Having high personal standards.....                          | 6                            | 17                                                    | 31                               |           |
| Being knowledgeable and experienced.....                     | 5                            | 9                                                     | 13                               |           |
| Being compassionate enough to understand average people..... | 4                            | 10                                                    | 16                               |           |
| Being easygoing and likeable.....                            | 1                            | 4                                                     | 18                               |           |

- 13b2. Among these two personal qualities which ONE is the next most important to you in deciding how you will vote in this year's presidential election?

- 13b3. **THIRD-HIGHEST-RATED PERSONAL QUALITY**

13c. Now I'd like you to compare Al Gore and George W. Bush on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore would be better or George W. Bush would be better on that item. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular item, just say so. \*\*

|                                                                                      | Al Gore<br>Would Be<br>Better | George W.<br>Bush<br>Would Be<br>Better | Both<br>Would Be<br>Equally<br>Good | Neither<br>Would Be<br>Good | Depends<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>           |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [251] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 50                            | 27                                      | 18                                  | 3                           | -                | 2           |       |
| August 2000+.....                                                                    | 45                            | 30                                      | 17                                  | 5                           | 1                | 2           |       |
| July 2000+.....                                                                      | 36                            | 30                                      | 24                                  | 8                           | -                | 2           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 40                            | 31                                      | 21                                  | 5                           | -                | 3           |       |
| <b>Being compassionate enough to understand average people</b>                       |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [252] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 47                            | 28                                      | 16                                  | 6                           | -                | 3           |       |
| August 2000+.....                                                                    | 41                            | 30                                      | 14                                  | 10                          | -                | 5           |       |
| July 2000+.....                                                                      | 37                            | 30                                      | 14                                  | 13                          | 1                | 5           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 39                            | 32                                      | 15                                  | 11                          | -                | 3           |       |
| <b>Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country</b> |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [253] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 36                            | 35                                      | 23                                  | 3                           | -                | 3           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 28                            | 39                                      | 22                                  | 7                           | -                | 4           |       |
| <b>Being knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy</b>                        |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [254] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 50                            | 27                                      | 15                                  | 5                           | -                | 3           |       |
| July 2000 +.....                                                                     | 38                            | 30                                      | 17                                  | 7                           | 1                | 7           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 41                            | 29                                      | 16                                  | 8                           | -                | 6           |       |
| <b>Being trustworthy enough to do the right thing when making decisions</b>          |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [255] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 39                            | 37                                      | 16                                  | 5                           | -                | 3           |       |
| August 2000+.....                                                                    | 34                            | 40                                      | 15                                  | 8                           | -                | 3           |       |
| July 2000+.....                                                                      | 29                            | 38                                      | 17                                  | 12                          | 1                | 3           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 29                            | 37                                      | 20                                  | 9                           | 1                | 4           |       |
| <b>Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president</b>                 |                               |                                         |                                     |                             |                  |             | [256] |
| September 2000+.....                                                                 | 35                            | 42                                      | 16                                  | 4                           | -                | 3           |       |
| August 2000+.....                                                                    | 30                            | 47                                      | 14                                  | 7                           | -                | 2           |       |
| July 2000+.....                                                                      | 26                            | 46                                      | 16                                  | 8                           | 1                | 3           |       |
| June 2000+.....                                                                      | 25                            | 46                                      | 18                                  | 8                           | -                | 3           |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



Q.13c (cont'd) \*\*

|                                     | Al Gore<br>Would Be<br><u>Better</u> | George W.<br>Bush<br>Would Be<br><u>Better</u> | Both<br>Would Be<br>Equally<br><u>Good</u> | Neither<br>Would Be<br><u>Good</u> | Depends<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Being easygoing and likeable</b> |                                      |                                                |                                            |                                    |                  |             | <b>[257]</b> |
| September 2000+.....                | 38                                   | 34                                             | 19                                         | 6                                  | -                | 3           |              |
| August 2000+.....                   | 31                                   | 40                                             | 20                                         | 6                                  | -                | 3           |              |
| July 2000+.....                     | 30                                   | 43                                             | 19                                         | 5                                  | -                | 3           |              |
| June 2000+.....                     | 29                                   | 40                                             | 19                                         | 7                                  | -                | 5           |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 13d. We've just been through a list of issues and personal qualities. Now I'd like to ask you which is the more important consideration for you in deciding whom to support for president--a candidate's positions on the issues OR a candidate's character and personal qualities?

|                                                   | 9/00+ | 6/00+ |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Candidate's positions on the issues.....          | 57    | 53    | <b>[258]</b> |
| Candidate's character and personal qualities..... | 27    | 31    |              |
| Both equally (VOL).....                           | 14    | 15    |              |
| Not sure.....                                     | 2     | 1     |              |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

14. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the next president of the United States--maintaining economic growth or restoring moral and family values?

|                                      |    |              |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Maintaining economic growth.....     | 44 | <b>[259]</b> |
| Restoring moral and family values... | 36 |              |
| Both (VOL).....                      | 18 |              |
| Neither/other (VOL).....             | 1  |              |
| Not sure.....                        | 1  |              |

- 15a. Al Gore and George W. Bush have been arguing over the format and timing of presidential debates. From what you have seen or heard, do you think that either man is trying to avoid debates? (IF "YES," ASK:) Do you think that Al Gore or George W. Bush is trying to avoid a debate? \*\*

|                                                        |    |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| No, neither is trying to avoid the debate.....         | 37 | <b>[260]</b> |
| Yes, Al Gore is trying to avoid the debate.....        | 10 |              |
| Yes, George W. Bush is trying to avoid the debate..... | 25 |              |
| Yes, both trying to avoid the debate (VOL).....        | 14 |              |
| Not sure.....                                          | 14 |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 15b. How important will the upcoming presidential debates be in helping you decide whom to support for president--will they be extremely important, quite important, just somewhat important, or not at all important? \*

|                              |    |       |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Extremely important.....     | 22 | [261] |
| Quite important.....         | 14 |       |
| Just somewhat important..... | 35 |       |
| Not at all important.....    | 28 |       |
| Not sure.....                | 1  |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 15c. As you may know, the commission that sponsors presidential debates has said that Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader will not be able to participate in presidential debates with Al Gore and George W. Bush this fall unless they earn fifteen percent of the vote in national news polls preceding the debates. Do you think that Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader should or should not have to meet this requirement to participate in presidential debates?

|                                          |         |                   |       |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
|                                          | 9/00**+ | 1/00 <sup>1</sup> |       |
| Should have to meet requirement.....     | 46      | 41                | [262] |
| Should not have to meet requirement..... | 50      | 51                |       |
| Not sure.....                            | 4       | 8                 |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup>In January 2000, the question referred to "the Reform Party candidates" instead of Buchanan and Nader, and "the Democratic and Republican candidates" instead of Gore and Bush.

**Now I'm going to read you George W. Bush's and Al Gore's positions on a few issues, and I'd like you to tell me whose position comes closer to your own on that issue.**

- 16a. When it comes to dealing with a patients' bill of rights, George W. Bush supports a limited patients' bill of rights, creating a review panel that will decide whether people can sue their health plans for denied services. Al Gore supports a patients' bill of rights that would allow ALL people to sue their health plans for denied medical services. Whose position comes closer to your own point of view--George W. Bush's or Al Gore's? \*

|                                       |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| George W. Bush's position closer..... | 37 | [263] |
| Al Gore's position closer.....        | 57 |       |
| Neither (VOL).....                    | 2  |       |
| Not sure.....                         | 4  |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16b. When it comes to dealing with prescription drugs, George W. Bush supports giving government subsidies to lower-income senior citizens to cover the cost of private insurance for prescription drugs and will have the government pay for all drug costs over six thousand dollars a year. Al Gore supports creating a prescription drug benefit for seniors within the Medicare program and would have the government pay for all drug costs over four thousand dollars a year. Whose position comes closer to your own point of view--George W. Bush's or Al Gore's? \*\*

|                                       |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| George W. Bush's position closer..... | 39 | [264] |
| Al Gore's position closer.....        | 51 |       |
| Neither (VOL).....                    | 4  |       |
| Not sure.....                         | 6  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16c. When it comes to dealing with Social Security, George W. Bush supports allowing younger people to invest a small part of their Social Security taxes in private investment accounts, while maintaining current benefits for existing recipients. Al Gore supports using a combination of interest savings and general tax

revenue to guarantee monthly benefits for future recipients, while maintaining current benefits for existing recipients. Whose position comes closer to your own point of view--George W. Bush's or Al Gore's? \*\*

|                                       |    |              |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush's position closer..... | 45 | <b>[265]</b> |
| Al Gore's position closer.....        | 47 |              |
| Neither (VOL).....                    | 3  |              |
| Not sure.....                         | 5  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16d. When it comes to dealing with taxes, George W. Bush supports a large across-the-board tax cut that would reduce the federal income-tax rate for all taxpayers, double the child credit, give married couples a break, and eliminate the estate tax. Al Gore supports a smaller, targeted tax cut that would give targeted tax credits to certain people, for instance, giving breaks to those caring for elderly parents or sending a child to college without a college loan. Whose position comes closer to your own point of view--George W. Bush's or Al Gore's? \*

|                                       |    |              |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush's position closer..... | 54 | <b>[266]</b> |
| Al Gore's position closer.....        | 39 |              |
| Neither (VOL).....                    | 2  |              |
| Not sure.....                         | 5  |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17. Do you think that Vice President Al Gore has demonstrated that he is his own man, independent of the Clinton Administration, or not? \*\*

|                                                                      |    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Vice President Gore has demonstrated that he is his own man.....     | 57 | <b>[267]</b> |
| Vice President Gore has NOT demonstrated that he is his own man..... | 37 |              |
| Depends (VOL).....                                                   | 2  |              |
| Not sure.....                                                        | 4  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18. As you may know, Al Gore has been attacking drug companies, insurance companies, oil companies, and HMOs. Supporters of Al Gore say that these attacks show that he will fight for working people, against special interests. Critics of Al Gore say that these attacks show that he is using class warfare for political purposes. With whom do you agree more--supporters of Al Gore or critics of Al Gore? \*\*

|                                            |    |              |
|--------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Agree more with supporters of Al Gore..... | 46 | <b>[268]</b> |
| Agree more with critics of Al Gore.....    | 42 |              |
| Agree with neither (VOL).....              | 3  |              |
| Agree with both (VOL).....                 | 2  |              |
| Not sure.....                              | 7  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 19a. If Bill Clinton were to campaign on behalf of a candidate running for congressional office this November, would that make you feel more favorable toward that candidate, less favorable toward that candidate, or would it make no difference to you either way? \*

|                                     |    |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| More favorable.....                 | 8  | [269] |
| Less favorable.....                 | 33 |       |
| Makes no difference either way..... | 58 |       |
| Not sure.....                       | 1  |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 19b. If Bill Clinton were to campaign on behalf of Al Gore this year, would that make you feel more favorable toward Al Gore, less favorable toward Al Gore, or would it make no difference to you either way? \*\*

|                                     |    |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| More favorable.....                 | 10 | [270] |
| Less favorable.....                 | 31 |       |
| Makes no difference either way..... | 59 |       |
| Not sure.....                       | -  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 20a. Suppose the choice for president were between Al Gore, running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush, running as the Republican candidate, and John McCain, running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

|                       | 9/00+ | 7/00+ | 4/00+ | 3/8/00+ | 3/2-<br>5/00+ |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------------|-------|
| Al Gore.....          | 40    | 32    | 31    | 34      | 34            | [271] |
| George W. Bush.....   | 36    | 40    | 35    | 32      | 35            |       |
| John McCain.....      | 18    | 20    | 23    | 23      | 24            |       |
| None/other (VOL)..... | 1     | 2     | 3     | 2       | 1             |       |
| Not sure.....         | 5     | 6     | 8     | 9       | 6             |       |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 20b. If John McCain were to campaign on behalf of a candidate running for congressional office this November, would that make you feel more favorable toward that candidate, less favorable toward that candidate, or would it make no difference to you either way? \*\*

|                                     |    |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| More favorable.....                 | 24 | [272] |
| Less favorable.....                 | 5  |       |
| Makes no difference either way..... | 68 |       |
| Not sure.....                       | 3  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 20c. How close did John McCain come to being the type of person that you would have wanted as president--was he almost exactly the type of person you would have wanted as president, did he come very close, only somewhat close, or not close at all to the type of person you would have wanted as president? \*\*

|                          |    |       |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| Almost exactly.....      | 6  | [273] |
| Very close.....          | 22 |       |
| Only somewhat close..... | 42 |       |
| Not close at all.....    | 24 |       |
| Not sure.....            | 6  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Now, I'd like to ask you about some other things**

21. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

|                                            | <u>9/00</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>6/97</u> <sup>1</sup> | <u>10/96</u> | <u>9/96</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>8/2-<br/>6/96</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>7/96</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>1/96</u>  | <u>12/95</u> |       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Better off.....                            | 62                       | 69           | 59                       | 49           | 52                       | 48                                | 46                       | 49           | 47           | [274] |
| Worse off.....                             | 12                       | 18           | 22                       | 22           | 22                       | 23                                | 20                       | 25           | 26           |       |
| No difference/about the<br>same (VOL)..... | 25                       | NA           | NA                       | NA           | NA                       | NA                                | NA                       | NA           | NA           |       |
| Not sure.....                              | 1                        | 13           | 19                       | 29           | 26                       | 29                                | 34                       | 26           | 27           |       |
|                                            |                          | <u>9/92</u>  | <u>7/92</u>              | <u>5/92</u>  | <u>4/92</u>              | <u>2/92</u>                       | <u>1/92</u>              | <u>12/91</u> | <u>10/91</u> |       |
|                                            |                          | 37           | 34                       | 38           | 35                       | 36                                | 39                       | 42           | 40           |       |
|                                            |                          | 40           | 42                       | 39           | 43                       | 41                                | 40                       | 39           | 37           |       |
|                                            |                          | 23           | 24                       | 23           | 22                       | 23                                | 21                       | 19           | 23           |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to December 1998, the volunteered response "about the same" was recorded separately. For purposes of comparison it is shown combined with "not sure."

22. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were eight years ago? \*\*

|                                         |    |       |
|-----------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Better off.....                         | 67 | [275] |
| Worse off.....                          | 11 |       |
| No difference/about the same (VOL)..... | 20 |       |
| Not sure.....                           | 2  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23a How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

|                            | <u>9/00</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>4/00</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98</u> <sup>+</sup> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>12/97</u> | <u>High<br/>9/98</u> | <u>Low<br/>1/96</u> |       |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Very satisfied.....        | 34                       | 29                       | 23           | 26           | 27                        | 31          | 18           | 31                   | 3                   | [276] |
| Somewhat satisfied.....    | 51                       | 52                       | 53           | 54           | 55                        | 55          | 52           | 55                   | 37                  |       |
| Somewhat dissatisfied..... | 10                       | 12                       | 17           | 13           | 12                        | 10          | 20           | 10                   | 38                  |       |
| Very dissatisfied.....     | 4                        | 6                        | 7            | 6            | 5                         | 3           | 8            | 3                    | 19                  |       |
| Not sure.....              | 1                        | 1                        | -            | 1            | 1                         | 1           | 2            | 1                    | 3                   |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | <u>9/97</u>  | <u>6/97</u>               | <u>3/97</u> | <u>12/96</u> |                      |                     |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | 13           | 10                        | 13          | 9            |                      |                     |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | 52           | 51                        | 45          | 51           |                      |                     |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | 23           | 27                        | 27          | 27           |                      |                     |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | 10           | 10                        | 13          | 11           |                      |                     |       |
|                            |                          |                          |              | 2            | 2                         | 2           | 2            |                      |                     |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 23b. When it comes to **(READ NAME)**'s ability to keep the nation's economy strong and growing, would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in his ability? \*\*

|                       | <u>Very<br/>Confident</u> | <u>Fairly<br/>Confident</u> | <u>Just<br/>Somewhat<br/>Confident</u> | <u>Not At All<br/>Confident</u> | <u>Not<br/>Sure</u> |              |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>George W. Bush</b> |                           |                             |                                        |                                 |                     | <b>[277]</b> |
| September 2000+.....  | 19                        | 21                          | 29                                     | 27                              | 4                   |              |
| June 2000+.....       | 17                        | 24                          | 31                                     | 24                              | 4                   |              |
| April 2000+.....      | 14                        | 17                          | 36                                     | 28                              | 5                   |              |
| December 1999.....    | 18                        | 25                          | 32                                     | 18                              | 7                   |              |
| <b>Al Gore</b>        |                           |                             |                                        |                                 |                     | <b>[278]</b> |
| September 2000+.....  | 26                        | 24                          | 27                                     | 21                              | 2                   |              |
| June 2000+.....       | 13                        | 23                          | 31                                     | 30                              | 3                   |              |
| April 2000+.....      | 10                        | 17                          | 38                                     | 30                              | 5                   |              |
| December 1999.....    | 14                        | 22                          | 31                                     | 28                              | 5                   |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

24. Which would you prefer in a presidential candidate--someone whose first priority is cutting taxes or someone whose first priority is paying down the national debt? \*\*

|                                                                       |    |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Someone whose first priority is cutting taxes....                     | 38 | <b>[279]</b> |
| Someone whose first priority is paying down<br>the national debt..... | 54 |              |
| Neither/other (VOL).....                                              | 3  |              |
| Not sure.....                                                         | 5  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. Which one of the presidential candidates do you think would give a tax cut that would be most helpful to you personally--Al Gore or George W. Bush? \*\*

|                     |    |              |
|---------------------|----|--------------|
| Al Gore.....        | 38 | <b>[280]</b> |
| George W. Bush..... | 40 |              |
| Neither (VOL).....  | 10 |              |
| Both (VOL).....     | 1  |              |
| Not sure.....       | 11 |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 26a. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following issues will be the most important to you in voting in this November's election for Congress. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.) (IF "ALL," ASK:)** If you absolutely had to choose, which ONE or TWO issues would you say are most important to you? \*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

|                                                                  |    |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Improving the quality of education.....                          | 34 | <b>[308]</b> |
| Strengthening Social Security and Medicare.....                  | 29 | <b>&gt;</b>  |
| Providing middle-class tax cuts.....                             | 24 |              |
| Handling the budget surplus.....                                 | 19 |              |
| Providing affordable prescription drug coverage for seniors..... | 19 |              |
| Passing a strong patients' bill of rights.....                   | 8  |              |
| All (VOL).....                                                   | 10 |              |
| None/other (VOL).....                                            | 1  |              |
| Not sure.....                                                    | 1  |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 26b. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, do you think that we would be better off with a Democratic majority in Congress or a Republican majority in Congress? \*

|                                                                     | Democratic<br>Majority In<br>Congress | Republican<br>Majority In<br>Congress | Either<br>One/Would<br>Both Handle<br>It About The<br>Same (VOL) | Neither<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Handling the budget surplus.....                                    | 41                                    | 42                                    | 5                                                                | 2                | 10          | <b>[309]</b> |
| Providing middle-class tax cuts.....                                | 44                                    | 41                                    | 4                                                                | 2                | 9           | <b>[310]</b> |
| Providing affordable prescription<br>drug coverage for seniors..... | 52                                    | 27                                    | 5                                                                | 3                | 13          | <b>[311]</b> |
| Strengthening Social Security and<br>Medicare.....                  | 49                                    | 34                                    | 4                                                                | 2                | 11          | <b>[312]</b> |
| Improving the quality of education.....                             | 42                                    | 36                                    | 8                                                                | 3                | 11          | <b>[313]</b> |
| Passing a strong patients' bill of<br>rights.....                   | 54                                    | 27                                    | 4                                                                | 2                | 13          | <b>[314]</b> |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

27. Now I'm going to name several groups and organizations, and for each one, I'd like you to tell me whether you think that group or organization is too powerful and has too much influence on government and politics, or whether that is really not the case.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS TOO MUCH INFLUENCE

|                                           | Has Too<br>Much<br>Influence | Not The<br>Case | Depends<br>(VOL) | Not<br>Sure |           |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Oil companies *.....                      | 74                           | 18              | 2                | 6           | [317]     |
| Drug companies *.....                     | 69                           | 21              | 2                | 8           | [319]     |
| HMOs **.....                              | 60                           | 27              | 3                | 10          | [325]     |
| Trial lawyers *.....                      | 53                           | 33              | 3                | 11          | [320]     |
| The entertainment industry **.....        | 52                           | 39              | 4                | 5           | [326]     |
| The AFL/CIO *.....                        | 47                           | 34              | 3                | 16          | [318]     |
| Computer and software companies **.....   | 35                           | 51              | 3                | 11          | [323]     |
| Religious Christian organizations.....    | 31                           | 60              | 4                | 5           | [315/321] |
| Teachers and public employee unions **... | 30                           | 61              | 4                | 5           | [324]     |
| Religious Jewish organizations.....       | 15                           | 70              | 4                | 11          | [316/322] |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 28a. If the Constitution allowed presidents to be elected to a third term in office, would you consider voting for Bill Clinton in November's presidential election, or not?

|                                                   | 9/00*+ | 12/99 |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Yes, would consider voting for Bill Clinton.....  | 34     | 32    | [327] |
| No, would NOT consider voting for Bill Clinton... | 62     | 64    |       |
| Depends (VOL).....                                | 3      | 2     |       |
| Not sure.....                                     | 1      | 2     |       |

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+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 28b. Here are a few things that some people say concern them about having Joe Lieberman, a Jew, as Al Gore's vice-presidential running mate. Please tell me which ones, if any, concern you personally?  
(ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

|                                                                                                |    |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| He does not believe in Jesus Christ as the lord and savior...                                  | 14 | [328] |
| He will be too close to Israel on foreign policy.....                                          | 10 | >     |
| He brings too much religion into politics.....                                                 | 10 |       |
| I am worried that the Jewish establishment has too much influence on the Democratic Party..... | 6  |       |
| As an Orthodox Jew, he will not do work on Saturdays.....                                      | 5  |       |
| All (VOL).....                                                                                 | 2  |       |
| None (VOL).....                                                                                | 60 |       |
| Not sure.....                                                                                  | 3  |       |



### Changing subjects...

29. As you may know, President Clinton is a lawyer. He was recently fined ninety thousand dollars for civil contempt for intentionally giving false testimony during the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. Do you think that, in addition to being fined, President Clinton should be disbarred for his actions during the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, or not? \*\*

|                                                |    |              |
|------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| President Clinton should be disbarred.....     | 47 | <b>[329]</b> |
| President Clinton should not be disbarred..... | 46 |              |
| Depends (VOL).....                             | 2  |              |
| Not sure.....                                  | 5  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 30a. The federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. For which ONE of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used?

|                                                      | <u>9/00*+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>1/98</u> |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Reducing the national debt.....                      | 41            | 32           | 41          | <b>[330]</b> |
| Improving funding for needed government programs.... | 16            | 20           | 18          |              |
| Providing across-the-board tax cuts.....             | 34            | 42           | 34          |              |
| All (VOL).....                                       | 5             | 3            | 3           |              |
| None/other (VOL).....                                | 2             | 1            | 3           |              |
| Not sure.....                                        | 2             | 2            | 1           |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 30b. The federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. For which ONE of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used? \*\*

|                                                     |    |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Saving Social Security.....                         | 53 | <b>[331]</b> |
| Improving funding for needed government programs... | 12 |              |
| Providing across-the-board tax cuts.....            | 23 |              |
| All (VOL).....                                      | 8  |              |
| None/other (VOL).....                               | 3  |              |
| Not sure.....                                       | 1  |              |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. Generally speaking, do you think that the United States military is or is not as strong as it needs to be to ensure our national defense and protect our national interests around the world?

|                                                 | <u>9/00*+</u> | <u>4/99</u> |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Military is as strong as it needs to be.....    | 42            | 52          | <b>[332]</b> |
| Military is not as strong as it needs to be.... | 52            | 45          |              |
| Not sure.....                                   | 6             | 3           |              |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

32. From what you know, do you think that the United States should spend more money or spend less money on developing a missile defense system?

|                                       | <u>9/00**+</u> | <u>12/98</u> |       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| U.S. should spend more money.....     | 38             | 45           | [333] |
| U.S. should not spend more money..... | 41             | 38           |       |
| Keep same level of spending (VOL).... | 13             | 8            |       |
| Not sure.....                         | 8              | 9            |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

33. Which one of the following do you think will be the most important foreign policy issue facing the next president of the United States? \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

|                                        |    |       |
|----------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Drug trafficking.....                  | 19 | [334] |
| International terrorism.....           | 17 |       |
| The Middle East peace process.....     | 15 |       |
| Immigration.....                       | 10 |       |
| The trade deficit.....                 | 9  |       |
| Protecting the global environment..... | 9  |       |
| All equally important (VOL).....       | 17 |       |
| None (VOL).....                        | 1  |       |
| Not sure.....                          | 3  |       |

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

34. If you had the chance to get a free ticket to one event at this summer's Olympic games, which of the following events would you choose to attend?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

|                                                 | <u>9/00*+</u> | <u>7/96</u> |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Gymnastics.....                                 | 35            | 34          | [335] |
| Team sports, such as basketball and soccer..... | 22            | 27          |       |
| Track and field.....                            | 20            | 17          |       |
| Swimming and diving.....                        | 12            | 14          |       |
| Cycling.....                                    | 2             | 2           |       |
| Other (VOL).....                                | 2             | 1           |       |
| None (VOL).....                                 | 6             | 5           |       |
| Not sure.....                                   | 1             | -           |       |

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**FACTUALS:** Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Bob Dole, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot, the Reform party candidate?

|                                         |    |              |
|-----------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| <b>Did Not Vote</b> .....               | 14 | <b>[336]</b> |
| <b>Yes, Voted</b>                       |    |              |
| Bob Dole.....                           | 30 |              |
| Bill Clinton.....                       | 43 |              |
| Ross Perot.....                         | 7  |              |
| Other candidate (VOL).....              | 1  |              |
| Not sure who voted for (VOL).....       | 1  |              |
| <b>Was Too Young To Vote</b> (VOL)..... | 1  |              |
| <b>Not Sure/Refused</b> .....           | 3  |              |

F2. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

|                  |    |                  |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| 18-24.....       | 8  | <b>[337-338]</b> |
| 25-29.....       | 7  |                  |
| 30-34.....       | 8  |                  |
| 35-39.....       | 11 |                  |
| 40-44.....       | 11 |                  |
| 45-49.....       | 11 |                  |
| 50-54.....       | 10 |                  |
| 55-59.....       | 8  |                  |
| 60-64.....       | 7  |                  |
| 65-69.....       | 6  |                  |
| 70-74.....       | 6  |                  |
| 75 and over..... | 6  |                  |
| Refused.....     | 1  |                  |

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

|                                                |    |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Grade school.....                              | 1  | <b>[339-340]</b> |
| Some high school.....                          | 3  |                  |
| High school graduate.....                      | 29 |                  |
| Some college, no degree.....                   | 20 |                  |
| Vocational training/2-year college.....        | 9  |                  |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree.....          | 21 |                  |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree.....         | 3  |                  |
| 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree... | 11 |                  |
| Doctoral/law degree.....                       | 2  |                  |
| Not sure/refused.....                          | 1  |                  |

F4. Are you currently employed?

(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

|                                   |    |           |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| <u>Currently Employed</u>         |    |           |
| Professional/ manager.....        | 25 | [341-342] |
| White-collar worker.....          | 20 |           |
| Blue-collar worker.....           | 17 |           |
| Farmer, rancher.....              | -  |           |
| <u>Not Currently Employed</u>     |    |           |
| Student.....                      | 4  |           |
| Homemaker.....                    | 6  |           |
| Retired.....                      | 24 |           |
| Unemployed, looking for work..... | 2  |           |
| Other.....                        | -  |           |
| Not sure.....                     | 2  |           |

F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

|                                  |    |       |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Strong Democrat.....             | 22 | [349] |
| Not very strong Democrat.....    | 9  |       |
| Independent/lean Democrat.....   | 9  |       |
| Strictly independent.....        | 17 |       |
| Independent/lean Republican..... | 8  |       |
| Not very strong Republican.....  | 9  |       |
| Strong Republican.....           | 18 |       |
| Other.....                       | 5  |       |
| Not sure/nothing.....            | 3  |       |

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

|                   |    |       |
|-------------------|----|-------|
| Liberal.....      | 21 | [350] |
| Moderate.....     | 42 |       |
| Conservative..... | 33 |       |
| Not sure.....     | 4  |       |

F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

|                       |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|-------|
| Single.....           | 19 | [352] |
| Married.....          | 61 |       |
| Separated.....        | 2  |       |
| Widowed.....          | 7  |       |
| Divorced.....         | 9  |       |
| Other (VOL).....      | 1  |       |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1  |       |

F8. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

|                                        |    |              |
|----------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Yes, kids under 18 in household.....   | 35 | <b>[353]</b> |
| No, no kids under 18 in household..... | 64 |              |
| Not sure.....                          | 1  |              |

F9. In what religion were you brought up?

|                       |    |                      |              |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|--------------|
| Protestant.....       | 49 | <b>CONTINUE</b>      | <b>[354]</b> |
| Catholic.....         | 30 |                      |              |
| Jewish.....           | 2  |                      |              |
| Other.....            | 13 | <b>Skip to Q.F13</b> |              |
| None.....             | 4  |                      |              |
| Not sure/refused..... | 2  |                      |              |

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)**

F10. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

|                                             |    |              |
|---------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Fundamentalist/evangelical.....             | 17 | <b>[355]</b> |
| Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical..... | 28 |              |
| Not sure.....                               | 4  |              |
| Non-Protestants (Q.F10).....                | 51 |              |

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)**

F11. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

|                                   |    |              |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Yes, born-again Christian.....    | 23 | <b>[356]</b> |
| No, not born-again Christian..... | 25 |              |
| Not sure/refused.....             | 1  |              |
| Non-Protestants (Q.F10).....      | 51 |              |

F12. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

|                                |    |              |
|--------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Never.....                     | 17 | <b>[357]</b> |
| Once a year.....               | 5  |              |
| A few times a year.....        | 17 |              |
| Once a month.....              | 6  |              |
| About twice a month.....       | 11 |              |
| Once a week or more often..... | 41 |              |
| Not sure.....                  | 3  |              |

F13. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

|                            |    |              |
|----------------------------|----|--------------|
| Labor union member.....    | 12 | <b>[358]</b> |
| Labor union household..... | 5  |              |
| Nonunion household.....    | 82 |              |
| Not sure.....              | 1  |              |

F14. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

|                       |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|-------|
| Hispanic.....         | 6  | [359] |
| White.....            | 80 |       |
| Black.....            | 9  |       |
| Asian.....            | 1  |       |
| Other.....            | 3  |       |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1  |       |

F15. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

|                                     |    |       |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Less than \$10,000.....             | 3  | [360] |
| Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....  | 8  |       |
| Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....  | 11 |       |
| Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....  | 13 |       |
| Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....  | 10 |       |
| Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....  | 19 |       |
| Between \$75,000 and \$100,000..... | 12 |       |
| More than \$100,000.....            | 10 |       |
| Not sure/refused.....               | 14 |       |